

LOS ANGELES LONG BEACH HARBOR SAFETY COMMITTEE

Subcommittee #1 – Navigation Safety

Meeting Minutes – October 7th 2009
At the offices of the Southern California Marine Exchange

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Meeting called to order at the offices of the San Pedro Marine Exchange at 1333.
Minutes of the last two meetings were distributed by email and no corrections noted.

OLD BUSINESS

SAFE TRANSIT BROCHURE (Dec '07) – Robin Blanchfield, CA Coastal Commission, is currently doing a final edit of the document. Prior to today's meeting she advised the chair that she will continue working on getting the document into its final brochure format.

VOLUNTARY WESTERN TRAFFIC LANES July '09) – Dick McKenna, San Pedro VTS;
The Navigation Safety Subcommittee convened in special meeting twice over the summer to address this issue. Today, the Los Angeles Long Beach Harbor Safety Committee approved the

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subcommittee's recommendation to endorse voluntary traffic lanes in the western approaches to LALB Harbors as a short term solution to separate the increased traffic in the Western Approach to Los Angeles and Long Beach Harbors. The Harbor Safety Committee tasked this subcommittee with developing recommended language to describe and explain the western traffic lanes.

General discussion followed. **Dick McKenna, San Pedro VTS**, noted that the VTS has become more proactive in their oversight of vessels transiting through the Pacific Missile Test Center (PMTTC). They have communicating with the US Navy's PLEAD CONTROL on a daily basis and assisting communications with transiting vessels. **Tony Parisi, USN NAVAIR**, advised each Thursday the Navy publishes their testing schedule for the upcoming week. Normally, when they have a test scheduled they begin to clear the range 2 hours before the test, or 4 hours for a larger operation. **Dick McKenna** noted that it is helpful when a departing vessel advises their direction of travel when making their 15-minute pre-call prior to departing the federal breakwater. **Ron Kelly, Transmarine Navigation**, offered that it would be helpful if PLEAD CONTROL had email communication capability. It was suggested that the recommended language accompanying the notification of the Western Traffic Lanes should be reconciled with the US Coast Pilot language and it should ensure that mariners understand that:

- The existing traffic separation scheme through the Santa Barbara Channel, as shown on the NOAA and Admiralty charts, is the only IMO approved TSS available for vessels transiting through the western and northern approaches to Los Angeles and Long Beach harbors.
- Because the new western traffic lanes are not IMO approved, the COREGS Rule 10 does not apply.
- The Los Angeles Long Beach Harbor Safety Committee (LALB HSC) does not make any recommendation regarding which route a vessel master should follow.
- The new western traffic lanes should be used with due caution. The vessel master at all times remains responsible for the safe navigation of his/her vessel.
- They must make every effort to communicate with the U.S. Navy in a timely manner and comply fully with any instructions received, even to the extent that such instructions might require a departure from the new western traffic lanes.
- They must keep the vessel's A.I.S. equipment switched on at all times.

John Betz offered to write up the recommended language based upon the committee's input and provide same to the Marine Exchange/VTS for dissemination to the maritime community.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

None

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NEW BUSINESS

None

The next Subcommittee #1 meeting is scheduled for 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, November 4th at the San Pedro Marine Exchange.

The meeting adjourned at 1450.

Respectfully submitted,

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